

REMARKS

Claims 1, 2, 5 to 16, 19, 20, and 23 to 28 remain in the application and were pending in the application at the time of examination. Claims 1, 2, 5 to 10, 14, 19, 20, 23, 24, 27, and 28 stand rejected as anticipated. Claims 11 to 13, 15 to 18, 25 and 26 stand rejected as obvious.

Applicants' attorney acknowledges and thanks the Examiner for granting a telephonic interview in the above application on July 28, 2005. As noted in the Examiner's interview summary the differences in the nested test modes of the instant invention and the prior art were discussed. Applicants' attorney agreed to amend the claims to more clearly recite the invention, and in particular to clarify that different data sets were stored at the start of each test mode.

Applicants have submitted a certified copy of priority application EP 01109921.5 under separate cover. Applicants are still trying to obtain a certified copy of application EP 00123924.3

Each of Claims 1, 14, 19, 27, and 28 has been amended. The amendments more clearly define the data saved and restored in each nested test mode.

Claims 1, 2, 5 to 10, 14, 19, 20, 23, 24, 27, and 28 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 5,499,180, hereinafter referred to as Ammirato.

Applicants respectfully traverse the anticipation of each of independent Claims 1, 14, 19, 27 and 28. Ammirato is directed at a method that generates scenarios relative to a baseline, e.g., "the different versions or scenarios represent incremental changes from the base." Ammirato, Col. 12, lines 53 to 55.

Saving changes relative to a baseline fails to suggest or disclose "storing a second test mode data set . . ." as recited in these claims. Moreover, restoring the baseline, fails to

teach or suggest "restoring the second test mode data set," which returns to the state in the first test mode when the second test mode was activated, which is different from the baseline in view of "changing data in the document data set in response to input of new data to obtain a modified document data set." Applicants request reconsideration and withdrawal of the anticipation rejection of each of Claims 1, 14, 19, 27, and 28.

Claims 2 and 5 to 11 depend from Claim 1 and so distinguish over Ammirato for at least the same reasons as Claim 1. Applicants request reconsideration and withdrawal of the anticipation rejection of each of Claims 2 and 5 to 11.

Claims 20, 23, and 24 depend from Claim 19 and so distinguish over Ammirato for at least the same reasons as Claim 19. Applicants request reconsideration and withdrawal of the anticipation rejection of each of Claims 20, 23, and 24.

Claims 11 to 13, 15 to 18, 25 and 26 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Ammirato in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,631,497, hereinafter referred to as Jamshidi.

Assuming the combination of references is correct, the additional information cited in Jamshidi fails to overcome the basic deficiencies of Ammirato. Therefore, each of Claims 11 to 13, 15 to 18, 25 and 26 distinguish over the combination at least for the same reasons as discussed above for the independent claim upon which each of these claims depends. Applicants request reconsideration and withdrawal of the obviousness rejection of each of Claims 11 to 13, 15 to 18, 25 and 26.

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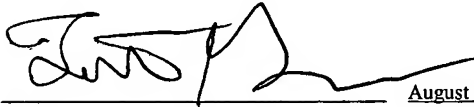
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Claims 1, 2, 5 to 16, 19, 20, and 23 to 28 remain in the application. Claims 1, 14, 19, 27, 28 have been amended. Claims 3, 4, 17, 18, 21, 22 were canceled previously. For the foregoing reasons, Applicant(s) respectfully request allowance of all pending claims. If the Examiner has any questions relating to the above, the Examiner is respectfully requested to telephone the undersigned Attorney for Applicant(s).

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